

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 835

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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, petition of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to the imposition of life sentences for second or subsequent convictions of the crime of rape. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT IMPOSING A LIFE SENTENCE AS PUNISHMENT FOR A SECOND OR  
SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION OF THE CRIME OF RAPE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 22 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as  
2     appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3     deleting, in line 25 and line 26, the words “or for any term or  
4     years”.

1     SECTION 2. Section 22 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as  
2     appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3     deleting, in line 31 and line 32, the words “or for any term of  
4     years, but not less than 15 years”.

1     SECTION 3. Section 22A of chapter 265 of the General Laws,  
2     as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3     deleting, in line 7, the words “or for any term of years, but not  
4     less than five years”.

1     SECTION 4. Section 22A of chapter 265 of the General Laws,  
2     as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3     deleting, in line 14 and line 15, the words “or for any term of  
4     years, but not less than 20 years”.

1     SECTION 5. Section 23 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as  
2     appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3     deleting, in line 6 and line 7, the words “or for any term of years,  
4     but not less than five years”.